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AN ACT

RELATING TO SOIL CONSERVATION BY PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF LAND BY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND ELIMI-
NATING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 457A.1, Code 2003, is amended to read
as follows:

457A.1 ACQUISITION BY OTHER THAN CONDEMNATION.

The department of natural resources, soil and water
conservation districts as provided in chapter 161A, the
historical division of the department of cultural affairs, the
state archaeologist appointed by the state board of regents
pursuant to section 263B.1, any county conservation board, and
any city or agency of a city may acquire by purchase, gift,
contract, or other voluntary means, but not by eminent domain,
conservation easements in land to preserve scenic beauty,
wildlife habitat, riparian lands, wetlands, or forests;
promote outdoor recreation, agriculture, soil or water
conservation, or open space; or otherwise conserve for the
benefit of the public the natural beauty, natural and cultural
resources, and public recreation facilities of the state.

Sec. 2. Section 161A.11, Code 2003, is repealed.

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 492, Eightieth General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2003

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor